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The reply filed 09 June 2006 is acknowledged.

1. ☐ The reply filed on or after the date of filing of an appeal brief, but prior to a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, will not be entered because:

a. ☐ The amendment is not limited to canceling claims (where the cancellation does not affect the scope of any other pending claims) or rewriting dependent claims into independent form (no limitation of a dependent claim can be excluded in rewriting that claim). See 37 CFR 41.33(b) and (c).

b. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is not timely filed before the filing of an appeal brief. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(2).

2. ☐ The reply is not entered because it was not filed within the two month time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.39(b), 41.50(a)(2), or 41.50(b) (whichever is appropriate). Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not available.

Note: This paragraph is for a reply filed in response to one of the following: (a) an examiner's answer that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.39(a)(2)); (b) a supplemental examiner's answer written in response to a remand by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for further consideration of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(a)(2)); or (c) a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision that includes a new ground of rejection (37 CFR 41.50(b)).

3. ☐ The reply is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

4. ☒ Other: AS EXPLAINED TO ATTY IN A COURTESY CALL SOME TIME AGO, THE EXAMINER'S POSITION IS THAT THE CITED PORTION OF LEMOINE THAT STATES THAT THERE NEED NOT BE THE SAME CLAIM REJECTED TWICE WAS AN ERRONEOUS INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUTE THAT WAS IN EFFECT OVERRULED BY THE SUBSEQUENT CLARIFYING RULE 41.31(A)(2), PROMULGATED 9-13-04, CLARIFYING THE STATUTE, AND REQUIRING THAT AT LEAST "ANY", (WHICH THE EXAMINER CONSIDERS TO MEAN "ANY ONE SAME") CLAIM REJECTED TWICE IS A PREREQUISITE FOR APPEAL. THE APPLICANT MAY PETITION OR APPEAL THIS DETERMINATION BY THE EXAMINER, AS HE FEELS BEST.



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